

550 AD ± 50

Angles & Saxons travelled to Britain

The ancient Germanic peoples recorded the passing of time in units of 'NIGHTS' rather than in units of 'DAYS'; hence a period of two weeks was in OLD ENGLISH ~~feowertiene~~ night, or 'fourteen ~~days~~ nights'.

By the early Middle English times  
this was starting to be contracted  
to the single word FORTNIGHT

AD 550

New defensive works built by  
Sassanians including Alexander's Barric  
on the Tigris & Euphrates (West Asia)

AD 550) Buddhism arrives in Japan  
from Korea. Temples replace  
mound tombs

$550 \pm 50$

The law of eclipses was finally formulated for China by Zhang Ziklin in the 6th century. He took refuge on an island where he spent 30 years studying the movement of the sun, the moon and 5 of the planets with the aid of an armillary sphere. He said that: "... the sun moves slower than average after the spring equinox. The Solar Eclipse occurs when the new moon passes

the sun within the limits of the solar ecliptic  
no solar eclipse will occur if it passes the  
sun outside of that limit. But a lunar  
eclipse may occur at every FULL moon  
if the latter happens to be near a node

c 550

Rome

Chronologist

Christian Era.

During middle ages was a confusing system because the beginning of the yr. was set at different days in different countries. Some countries reckoned the beginning of the era during the yr before, others during the yr, others after the birth of Christ. Diuimus Edigess, the regnator, set its commencement on

Annunciation Day, near Mar 25, nine months before the traditional date for the birth of Christ. (In 1750, England was using Mar 25 as the beginning of the yr.). Other days for the ~~beginning~~ beginning of the Christian Era were Jan. 1; Mar 1; Christmas Day, and Easter. modern scholars have not reached agreement on the actual date of birth of Christ. Many favor 4 B.C., others 6, 7, and 8 B.C.

550

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Justinian codifies Roman law  
in Corpus Juris Civilis.

550 AD

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monks who had lived in China to  
return there and bring back  
silkworm eggs by secreting them  
in hollow bamboo canes. Thus,  
Constantinople was able to begin  
silk production about 550 AD. From  
these worms were descended all the  
silk-producing caterpillars in Europe.

down to modern times.

$550 \pm 50$   
6th Cen. B.C.

Solon legislated rewards  
of 500 drachma (more than \$300,000)  
for Athenian Olympic victors  
Archaeology pg 34 (Jul/Aug 96)

$$1 \text{ drachma} = \frac{300,000}{500} = \$600$$

550

Justinian's troops occupy  
ANDALUSIA,  
Third Persian War

$550 \pm 50$

### Khmer Empire

Ancient Indo-Chinese Kingdom  
established by Khmer Cambodians  
in present day Cambodia and Laos

550 ± 50

India

The invaders who were akin to the Turks rather than the Mongols proper, established themselves all over northern India, their chiefs forming a new nobility, which preferred to associate itself with the old governing class rather than to destroy it. Hence, there was at least plausible ground

for the view that the later RAJPUTS  
whom Herodotus identifies with the  
old KSHATRIYAS, Caste, are in fact much  
more White than than genuine Hindu.  
Throughout the century, however, the  
records are meager.

c 550

~~1012~~Dates J-BK

Church of St. Sophia  
(Hagia Sophia)

burned and magnificently  
rebuilt

Cosmopolitan, a monk, made a critical distinction between TIME MEASUREMENT & TIME RECKONING. The first, he said, is merely a matter of making observations of celestial bodies and putting down numbers, and using mechanical devices such as clocks that require technical skill but not intellectual achievement.

As manufacturer, TIME RECKONING, is purely  
intellectual. It recognises God's miracle  
of numbers and their usefulness in  
making "calculations" of time, which are  
critical to a belief in planning when  
& how he will worship God, with  
the ultimate calculation being the true  
date of Easter.

C550

Duncan;Ca1

The Indian poet SUBANDHU  
used the dot (to represent zero)  
as a metaphor in his  
poem Vâsavadatta

May 550

While Totila was plundering Sicily in May 550 and while another 6 other army captured Rovinio in the north and inflicted a crushing defeat on the imperial forces near Ravenna, Justinian appointed his cousin Hormos - MATA SUNTHA'S 2nd husband - as the new high commander of the Italian Army.

C 550

468- 568

1912 Dates J-BK

CASSIOPEIUS

Christian Writer on Education .

c550 - c1000

Dark Ages

the historical period from  
decay of classical culture

c550 - c1000

Some authorities give different dates

1912 Dates J-BK

c550

6th century

### BEOWULF

From the songs of the scop, or maker  
of poetry, and the gleemen, or minstrels,  
was evolved the great Anglo-Saxon  
epic, "Beowulf," which dates back  
to the 6th cen

May 550 - 552

Phase 3 of Totila's war

The appointment of Gennanius was preceded by imperial propaganda for AMAL legitimacy; it was aimed at Italy as well as Italian émigrés and the Belisarius followers in Constantinople. The AMAL had always been "loyal to the emperor."

The name Gennanius, as that of HATASONTA, had a particular impact on the many former deserters in the Gothic Army, which

itself was not too enthusiastic about fighting against Thordrei's grand daughter. But it never came to that.

Hermanus died in summer 550 during his stay in SERDICA-SOFIA where he was preparing the invasion of Italy

550

1912 Dates J-EK

Bells were 1<sup>st</sup> known; in France

Notation by nine digits and  
zero, called Arabic figures  
were known in HINDOSTAN.

C 550

The Visigothic language disappeared  
It had long since lost the ability  
to create new words and names

Jan 550

The Italian Ostrogothic Kingdom

Second conquest of Rome

C 550 AD  $\rightarrow$  C 650 AD  
6th & 7th cent AD

In England there was a great dispute between Christians who observed their Easter date from the CELTS and Christians who had been converted as a result of St AUGUSTINE.

The CELTS retained a computation for Easter based on a lunisolar cycle of 84 years, while the Christians took on the 5th cent. AD a 14th century 84-year

cycle for a 532-year cycle.

The dispute was settled at the Synod of Whitby in favor of the Roman system which prevailed from that time over the entire West

c550 AD

Watermill invented by Belisarius

C 550  $\Rightarrow$  May 26, 604  
Born Died

St Augustine

c 550 BC  
c 350 BC or

settled by 310 BC

GERMANS along North Sea  
Holland Lower Rhine  
SAXONS; ANGLES FRANKS

(Central BURGUNDIANS); LOMBARDS, THURINGIANS  
Germany

ALAMANS Upper Rhine & Danube

Cimbri. & Teutones destroyed by Marius

c 102 BC  
The regions of Northern Europe were  
being occupied by Germans  
Vandals; Suevi Interior of Germany

VISIGOTHS (West Black Sea)) Ostrogoths East Black Sea

Reddish or blond hair, blue eyes, great stature, generally powerful physique  
Drank lots of beer.

German society was tribal; emphasized loyalties of kinship rather than citizenship. If you injured one, you injured his family; a graded system of WERGELD was the penalty. Some tribes coalesced into groups. These groups were called "veteris".

550 A.D.

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## c550 MAYAN SOLAR YEAR

BESIDES the 260 day cycle (or Sacred year) they had a solar year of 365 days.

Composed of 18 months of 20 days each + five intercalary days.

A notable feature was the era known as the 'Long Count' a day-count which began from a

conventional starting point believed  
to be 10 August 3113 B.C. According  
to our calendar.

550AD

In Babylon, the BABYLONIAN  
TALMUD was compiled  
Under Mohammedan rulers,  
the lot of the Jews improved  
materially.

6TH CENTURY A.D. 5TH - 6TH AD

The three wise men began to be described as Kings. Since three gifts were given, it was decided that three Kings came. Before this time, they were wise men, no one knows how many.

They were not named until the 8th century

2nd half of the 6th century  
550 -> 600 AD

The modern practice of numbering  
the days of the month consecutively  
from first to last came to the West  
from Syria and Egypt in the 2nd  
half of the 6th century. Pope Gregory I  
introduced it into his Chancery,  
but his successors reverted to  
the old Roman style.

The revival of learning under

charlemagne (about 800) was in  
the latin tradition, and so there was  
an official reversion to the roman  
style in the imperial chancery too  
which persisted for centuries.